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APPLICANT: Maternus Partners Ltd.	ATTY DKT NO. 80191.00002
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**RESPONSE TO DECISION ON PETITION
PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. § 1.378(B)
AND
PETITION TO ACCEPT UNINTENTIONAL
DELAYED PAYMENT OF MAINTENANCE FEE
IN COMPLIANCE WITH 37 C.F.R. 1.378(C)**

Background

We submitted a Petition to Accept Unavoidably Delayed Payment of Maintenance Fee in compliance with 37 C.F.R. 1.378 on November 19, 2010. On January 12, 2011, a Decision was rendered in which our Petition was Dismissed. Therefore, the Applicant is now petitioning that the Examiner reinstate Patent 6,443,958 due to unintentional delayed payment of the 7-1/2 year maintenance fee. We further respectfully request that the \$700 surcharge previously paid with the Petition to Accept Unavoidably Delayed Payment be applied toward the surcharge due (\$1,640) with this request for reinstatement due to unintentional delayed payment of maintenance fee in compliance with 37 C.F.R. 1.378(c).

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Unintentionally Delayed Maintenance Fee Payment

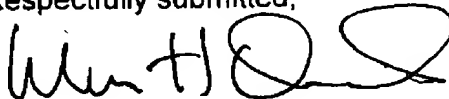
For reasons previously submitted and for other reasons, Applicant respectfully submits that the delay in payment of the maintenance fee was unintentional.

Surcharge Fee

The maintenance fee of \$1,240 and surcharge of \$700 were paid on November 17, 2010 when we submitted the previous request for reinstatement. We respectfully request that the \$700 surcharge previously paid be applied toward the \$1,640 surcharge required for the Unintentionally Delayed Maintenance Fee Payment reinstatement request being submitted now. Therefore, we are submitting a surcharge fee of \$940 with this application.

The Office is authorized to deduct any deficient fees or apply any excess fees to deposit account 502248.

Respectfully submitted,



William H. Quirk
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**PETITION TO ACCEPT UNINTENTIONALLY DELAYED PAYMENT OF
MAINTENANCE FEE IN AN EXPIRED PATENT (37 CFR 1.378 (c))**

Docket Number (Optional)

80191.00002

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Patent No. 6,443,958Application Number 09/874,770Issue Date September 3, 2002Filing Date June 5, 2001

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1. SMALL ENTITY

☒ Patentee claims, or has previously claimed, small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27.

2. LOSS OF ENTITLEMENT TO SMALL ENTITY STATUS

☐ Patentee is no longer entitled to small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27(g)

3. MAINTENANCE FEE (37 CFR 1.20(e)-(g))

The appropriate maintenance fee must be submitted with this petition, unless it was paid earlier.

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Amount	Fee	(Code)	Amount	Fee	(Code)
<input type="checkbox"/> \$ _____	3 ½ yr fee	(1551)	<input type="checkbox"/> \$ _____	3 ½ yr fee	(2551)
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MAINTENANCE FEE BEING SUBMITTED \$ _____

4. SURCHARGE

The surcharge required by 37 CFR 1.20(i)(2) of \$ 1,640 (Fee Code 1558) must be paid as a condition of accepting unintentionally delayed payment of a maintenance fee.SURCHARGE FEE BEING SUBMITTED \$ 940

5. MANNER OF PAYMENT

☐ Enclosed is a check for the sum of \$ _____☐ Please charge Deposit Account No. _____ the sum of \$ _____☒ Payment by credit card. Form PTO-2038 is attached.

6. AUTHORIZATION TO CHARGE ANY FEE DEFICIENCY

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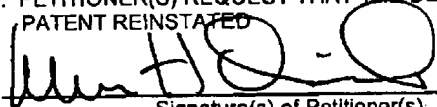
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8. STATEMENT

The delay in payment of the maintenance fee to this patent was unintentional.

9. PETITIONER(S) REQUEST THAT THE DELAYED PAYMENT OF THE MAINTENANCE FEE BE ACCEPTED AND THE PATENT REINSTATED


Signature(s) of Petitioner(s)2-2-2011
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ENCLOSURES



Maintenance Fee Payment



Surcharge under 37 CFR 1.20(i)(2) (fee for filing the maintenance fee petition)



Petition to Accept Unintentional Delayed Payment of Maintenance Fee